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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Attorney Docket No. 040301-0575**

Applicant: Shigeo MATSUZAWA et al.  
Title: ROUTER DEVICE AND CUT-THROUGH PATH CONTROL  
METHOD FOR REALIZING LOAD BALANCING AT  
INTERMEDIATE ROUTERS  
Application No.: 09/429,632  
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**STATUS LETTER**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) was filed on December 20, 2004, whereby the RCE requested entry of the reply filed on November 30, 2004. To date, no communication has been received from the PTO. Applicant's representative attempted to check on the status via Private Pair and via the telephone (to the examiner and to his SPE), but was unsuccessful in obtaining information as to when the PTO may act on the RCE.

Accordingly, this Status Letter is being filed to obtain such information.

Respectfully submitted,

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